

### **Amendments to the claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

### **Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) A process for preparing a dry extract~~[[s]] from a liquid extract and at least one additional substance by a spray-drying process, characterized in that said at least one additional substance is added to the spray-drying process in a dry form during the spray-drying process~~ comprising: combining, in a spray dryer, a liquid extract of a medicinal plant and a dry substance to produce a spray dried composition consisting essentially of said liquid extract and said dry substance, wherein the dry substance is selected from the group consisting of lactose, maltodextrin, dextrin, dry glucose, starch, microcrystalline cellulose, Povidone, polyethylene glycol, calcium phosphate, magnesium stearate, precipitated silicic acid, precipitated silica, highly dispersed silica, sorbitol, mannitol, and mixtures thereof

Claims 9-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dry substance has a ~~the particle size of said at least one additional substance is within a range from particle size of from 1 to 500  $\mu$ m~~

Claim 13 (withdrawn) A dry extract obtainable by a process according to claim 8.

Claim 14 (withdrawn) A medicament, containing a dry extract according to claim 13.

Claim 15 (withdrawn) The medicament of claim 14 in the form of a tablet.

Claim 16 (New) The process of claim 8, wherein the spray dried composition has a residual

Appl. No. 09/986,116  
Amendment dated October 3, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 9, 2003

moisture of less than 5%.

Claim 17(New) The process of claim 8, wherein the liquid extract is introduced into the spray dryer via a nozzle at a pressure of from 10 to 150 bar.

Claim 18 (New) The process of claim 8, wherein the spray dryer contains drying air having a temperature between 120C and 350 C.

Claim 19 (New) The process of claim 17, wherein the spray dryer contains drying air having a temperature between 120C and 350 C.

Claim 20 (New) The process of claim 8, wherein the dry substance is introduced into the spray dryer via a blow conveyance.

Claim 21 (New) The process of claim 17, wherein the dry substance is introduced into the spray dryer via a blow conveyance.

Claim 22 (New) The process of claim 19, wherein the dry substance is introduced into the spray dryer via a blow conveyance.